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April 20, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#36 APRIL 20, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT PARATRANSIT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to approve funding for the Paratransit Program for Fiscal Year 2010-11 in the Third Supervisorial District and to authorize the Director of Public Works to negotiate and execute an agreement to deliver paratransit services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Paratransit Program is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the disbursement of \$110,000 from the Third Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program for the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County of Los Angeles areas of the Third Supervisorial District for Fiscal Year 2010-11. The Third Supervisorial District's Paratransit Program includes the following services: Agoura Hills, Rancho Los Amigos, and Topanga Canyon.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute the following agreement for paratransit service in the Third Supervisorial District with the cost and term as indicated: the Rancho Los Amigos Paratransit Service, provided by the Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, Inc., at a cost to the Third Supervisorial District of \$6,000 for Fiscal Year 2010-11

(County of Los Angeles' total cost for paratransit services in Supervisorial Districts 1 through 5 under this two-year agreement is \$660,000).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to approve the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County of Los Angeles (County) areas of the Third Supervisorial District and to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and enter into a new paratransit agreement with the Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, Inc., for the provision of services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). This action provides services to the public in a responsive manner. These services improve the mobility of transit-dependent patrons.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This action authorizes the disbursement of \$110,000 for the continuation of paratransit services for eligible patrons in the unincorporated County areas of the Third Supervisorial District for Fiscal Year 2010-11. This Paratransit Program contains agreements with multiple-year terms; the costs for each fiscal year within each agreement will be submitted for your approval as part of future paratransit programs. Each agreement includes a 30-day, no fault clause for termination.

One existing agreement will expire on June 30, 2010. This action authorizes the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and enter into a multiple-year agreement to continue service for the Rancho Los Amigos Paratransit Service, provided by the Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, Inc., at a cost to the Third Supervisorial District of \$6,000 for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Two paratransit services have agreements previously executed: The Agoura Hills Paratransit Service and the Topanga Canyon Paratransit Service are provided under existing agreements for a combined Third Supervisorial District Fiscal Year 2010-11 disbursement of \$104,000.

The Fiscal Year 2010-11 Paratransit Program Budget for the Third Supervisorial District totals \$110,000, which includes service authorized by this Board action for \$6,000; and the previously executed service agreements for \$104,000. The enclosure lists these services with providers, terms, and the Third Supervisorial District's contract amounts.

The necessary funds are available in the Third Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-11 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On January 4, 1983, the Board directed that funds for paratransit services should be provided from each supervisorial district's allocation of the County's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program at the discretion of each supervisor. In Fiscal Year 1983-84 and in subsequent fiscal years, the Board

approved paratransit services providing transportation opportunities for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas.

The agreements for the paratransit services are in compliance with the mandatory jury service requirements as set forth in the Los Angeles County Code, Chapters 2.203.010 through 2.203.090, Jury Service Program. The agreements are approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas are provided primarily through participation in joint paratransit services with cities and other governmental agencies adjacent to the unincorporated County areas and less frequently through contracts the County enters into with private (for-profit or nonprofit) transportation service providers.

Through participation in joint paratransit services, the County benefits by a lower service cost due to economies of scale, better service to residents because of service coordination, and subsidies provided through grants, when available, from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program (Incentive Grant Program). The Incentive Grant Program provides financial assistance to agencies that coordinate paratransit services across jurisdictional boundaries.

Most of the cities and other governmental agencies that allow the County to partner with them contract with private transportation service providers through a competitive selection and procurement process. The County's share of the cost of the service is proportionately based on the number of unincorporated County residents who use the service. When the County contracts directly with a transportation service provider, a competitive procurement process is used.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides for the continuation of the current services. The approval of this action will not result in the displacement of any County employees.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3
PARATRANSIT SERVICES**

SERVICE AGREEMENT (NEWLY NEGOTIATED)	PROVIDER	MULTIPLE YEAR TERMS	AGREEMENT EXPIRATION	2010-11 BUDGET AMOUNT (1)	2011-12 BUDGET AMOUNT
Rancho Los Amigos (All Districts)	Los Amigos Research and Education Institute (2)	2-YEAR	06/30/12	\$6,000	\$6,000
SUBTOTAL				\$6,000	\$6,000

SERVICES AGREEMENTS (EXECUTED IN PRIOR YEARS)					
Agoura Hills	City of Agoura Hills (2)	3-YEAR	06/30/11	\$70,000	
Topanga Canyon	City of Los Angeles' Cityride (2)	3-YEAR	06/30/11	\$34,000	
SUBTOTAL				\$104,000	

GRAND TOTAL				\$110,000	\$6,000
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NOTE:

(1) This action only approves the Fiscal Year 2010-11 contract amounts.

(2) City, Joint Powers Authority, or Governmental Agency.